

## **Stranahan Forest Stewardship Committee**

Draft Minutes

4/25/2017

**Date:** April 25, 2017

**Place:** OSC Meeting Room

**Time:** 6:10 -7:35 PM

**Present:** Rich Phillips, Brett Engstrom, Jenny Warshow, Sarah Fowler, Michael Sabourin, Ellen Cooke

**Conservation Commission Rep:** Ann Miller

**Public:** James Arisman

Agenda was not modified

Minutes of 3/28/2017 meeting approved

### **Meeting Issues:**

The committee agreed to be responsible for their own copies of minutes, agenda, etc. Rich will bring 3 copies of minutes and agenda's for the public.

The committee discussed options for conference calls if a member cannot be present, ie: unusual circumstances. The committee's preference is that members are physically present at each meeting. Brett suggested reviewing the town policy for meeting and proceed from there. Rich will look at the town policy and talk to Bobbi.

### **Grants from Forests and Parks:**

The committee discussed and reviewed the Vt Town Forest Recreation Planning Community Assistance Program Grant. Ellen and Sarah agreed to contact folks from the Vt Urban and Community Forestry Program regarding grant application and determine if the grant makes sense to apply for.

### **Review of work items and schedule to update management plan:**

Sarah suggested that we ask folks from the state to speak with us regarding plans.

Brett discussed that mapping wetlands takes time and need some study about how wetlands affect other projects.

Ellen offered to ask grant funders if there is technical assistance for mapping wetlands in a town forest.

Brett suggested looking at other towns management plans. He also thinks that our plan needs to be revised and "trimmed."

Sarah offered to review and edit plan.

Brett will look over maps and consider what needs to be revised.

The committee agreed to read to plan for the next meeting.

Tree cutting at parking lot spot is proposed for May 12th.

Ellen will contact Trevor Tait and Charlie Wanzer ( teachers at Twinfield) regarding students helping with trail work.

**Educational Walks:**

The Library and Conservation committee sponsors yearly bird and wildflower walks. Brett suggested that our committee join the sponsorship. A motion was made, seconded and approved to do so.

Jenny is working on completing research on the history of the forest and is hopeful to offer a history walk in the fall.

**Agenda Items for next meeting:**

Discuss management plan

Project update